

A Pin de Sicle Bride.

Wedding presents are becoming more and more of a tax and are looked upon in these fin de siècle days as just so many commercial assets by bride and bridegroom alike, who are not so much in love but that they can reckon up the probable cost of each gift pretty accurately.

"I want something pretty, but not too costly, as a wedding gift," said a well-known woman of society to one of the head men at —.

"Is it for Miss B., may I ask?" said the jeweler, "for in that case I think I can suit you exactly." And he produced a list written at length and in the bride's own fair writing with everything she wanted in the way of silver distinctly described, from the soup tureen to salt spoons. It left her friends a wide margin of choice from the most expensive present to a simple token of remembrance.

"Would you like to see the presents already selected?" continued the shopman, and leading the way into the adjoining apartment he pointed to several shelves completely covered with the glittering array. "Those are all Miss B.'s presents," he explained. "She seems quite satisfied with them so far and comes every few days to look them over to see what is added."

New York Tribune.

Starch as an Enemy of the Artist.

An artist in New York city inveighs bitterly against starch as one of the curses of this nineteenth century. "Not only does it make our clothes unpleasant to wear, but it makes them hideous to look at," bringing out a copy of a Tanagra figurine, he continued: "Now, look at the beauty and simple dignity of that toga and contrast it with the dress of the modern man. That was soft and yielding, the modern shirt, collar, cuffs, hats, shoes, corsets, even the women's gowns, are hard and unbending. The effect of antique dress was grace, the effect of our dress is that of stiffness and discomfort. It is more than an effect—it is a fact. Nobody could be easy or look thoroughly well in our clothes. We want to organize a reform movement against starch."

Use a Straw For Cold Drinks.

"I see," said a prominent doctor yesterday, "that lovers of soda water and cold drinks have at last found a way to partially overcome the deleterious effects of such things being suddenly taken into the stomach on a warm day. They are using straws to drink soda water, and it is a good thing. An overdrinking person rushing up to a soda water fountain and gulping down the frigid concoction that they serve there cannot imagine the harm he is doing to his system. The straw method is a much slower one, and the liquid gets heated up to nearer the temperature of the stomach before it gets there and so does less harm."

Pittsburg Dispatch.

High Ideas in the East.

The Japanese had a high ideal, and the noble words are in their books that "the first duty of the parent is to instruct the child in the way" and "the most efficient teaching is by example." Yet the burden of the teaching was that children owed everything to their parents. And this obedience lasted for life.—"Ethics of Confucius."

The G. A. R. Encampment.

The programme for encampment week at Indianapolis, Ind., which is a national encampment, too many things to crowd into one performance, but the managers intend to show all they advertise. On Monday evening the city will be illuminated by electricity and natural gas. Hundreds of campfires will be lighted in the fields outside the limits, and 200 army bands will respond to the welcome. On Tuesday the Grand Army parade will take place, and it is promised that it shall exceed all other parades in the number of old soldiers marching in the ranks. There is to be a cavalcade of 2,000 horsemen, the largest body of mounted soldiers mustered since the war. The business meeting of the encampment opens on Wednesday at Tomlinson hall, and on that day and the day following, also in the evening of both days, there will be a series of reunions and receptions with over 100,000 visitors to enliven the jubilee.

One of the most striking features of the encampment exhibition will be an elaborate display of natural gas. Indianapolis is supplied by natural gas, brought in several 10 inch pipe lines from the gasfields, about 25 miles distant. The abundance of the supply will enable a display to be made probably unequalled in the history of the gasfield development. A prominent part of this exhibition will be a reproduction of a lighted gas well, one of the grandest night displays it is possible to make. They call it a "gusher," and on that occasion they intend to "let it gush."

The visiting veterans who remember Indianapolis as it was during the war will find that a metropolitan city has replaced the modest country town, named a city by legal courtesy.

He Had Seen the Scarecrow.

One Somerville young man who was spending a fortnight in the country lost all chance of making a favorable impression on the farmer's pretty daughter the very first day he came. Her father came by the front of the house, where the young man was trying to make himself agreeable, and the girl introduced him, saying: "This is my father, Mr. Smythe."

"Oh, yes," responded the young man, turning toward the old man, and slowly holding out his hand. "I saw you standing over in the cornfield a little while ago, when I came up the road."—Somerville Journal.

Rebuke of a Paris.

"The unpresentable female in Massachusetts," says the Boston Herald, "finds Massachusetts a better place to live in than any other part of the country." Did you intend your remark to apply to female cats and chickens and oysters and other such creatures, contemporary or only to "females" of the human species? And if you meant to speak of women, why not call them women!—Charleston News and Courier.

A Fine Arrangement.

First Nurse Girl—Seems to me y'r puttin on a heap o' style drivin in the park with a moneygrammed kerriage, and coachman and footmen too. Does y'r missus lend ye her private rig?
Second Nurse Girl—She sends me to take her pet dog out for an airin'.
"But where's the dog?"
"Under th' seat."—New York Weekly.

An Unkind Inference.

"I asked her which she would prefer to have me do," said the conceited man, "sing to her or talk to her."
"And she said 'talk,' of course."
"No," she said "sing!"
"Oh—I say, now—that was an injustice!"
"What do you mean?"
"Why, you aren't such a bad conversationalist as all that."—Washington Star.

A female codfish will lay 45,000,000 eggs during a single season. Piscatorial authorities say that were it not for the work of the natural enemies of fish they would soon fill all the available space in the seas, rivers and oceans.

A woman says that a man can stand five hours under a blazing sun to watch a baseball game, but he cannot sit 10 minutes by the bedside of a sick child without falling asleep.

The epidemic of liberty is spreading. Every man who goes to Europe carries the infection with him, and every stranger who visits us becomes inoculated.

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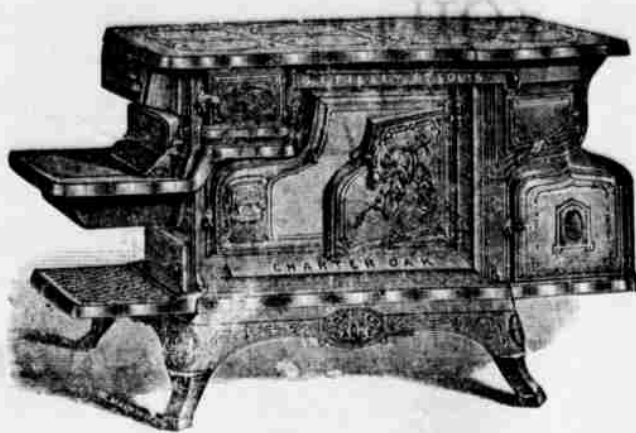
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